

DRAFT MINUTES

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 4, 2007

Noon–2:00 PM

93 Gooding Avenue, Suite 3

Bristol, RI 02809

Members Present: Rick Costa, Secretary; Liz Graves 1st Vice-Chairperson; Barbara Rozul, Treasurer; Don Phelps, Chairperson; Heidi Showstead, 2nd Vice-Chair ; Mary Wambach, LDA Chairperson.

Staff Present: Camille Pansa, Executive Director; Lisel Rockwood, Program Assistant

Interpretor: Dona Lombardi

Guest: Lucien Perron

1. Minutes of December 7, 2007: previously sent. A motion was made by Mary Wambach to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Barbara Rozul. Vote passed unanimously.

2. February 2008 Calendar: a change was made for the LDA Committee meeting date to the 11th from 2:00-3:30pm due to President's Day.

3. Meeting with Dr. Nelson: The meeting with Dr. Nelson was deemed a success. Don Phelps stated how positive the meeting was and that Camille Pansa and Mary Wambach did a commendable job

presenting the SILC's viewpoints. A discussion was held at this time about the proper format at which comments would be recognized from meeting participants whether they were present at the meeting or via the speakerphone.

4. Vote to approve Shared Living position paper: previously sent. A motion was made by Liz Graves and seconded by Heidi Showstead to accept the position paper as read. Vote passed unanimously. This issue will be on the agenda for the next Council Quarterly Meeting.

5. Vote to approve Executive Summary of SPIL 08-10: previously sent. Comments were made as to how well the summary was constructed and its helpfulness. A motion was made by Mary Wambach and seconded by Liz Graves to accept the summary as read. Vote passed unanimously. Heidi Showstead abstained from the vote because she had not read the summary.

6. Disability History Week Initiative: This is a legislative and advocacy issue and will require a great deal of work. It is an incentive to get every state to implement an annual Disability History Week in October. A motion was made by Rick Costa to have the LDA Committee look into this initiative and seconded by Mary Wambach. Vote passed unanimously.

7. Meeting with Judith Kapucinski to work on 1st quarter work plan: Camille Pansa asked committee members for volunteers to work on the new work plans. Don Phelps and Heidi Showstead

volunteered. The tentative schedule to meet with Judith is February 22, 2008 in the afternoon.

8. Work Plan and initiatives for 2008: Camille Pansa stated that we should remind ourselves every month where we stand with our initiatives. Camille also stated that as of this year we have completed more initiatives than we had a this same time last year. Mary stated that she will update and reformat all position papers to make them uniform.

9. Chairperson's Report: Don Phelps noted that when looking back only a year ago, the SILC has made impressive progress. Don thanked everyone for their hard work in helping to make these accomplishments happen. He stated that 2008 will present additional challenges and we need to keep the momentum going.

10. Executive Director's Report: no formal report.

11. Finance Committee report: Barbara Rozul stated that the audit was completed and additional information would be available at the next meeting.

12. Leadership Development and Advocacy Committee Report: Mary Wambach stated that new members were welcomed to the committee. At the December meeting, Heidi Showstead gave a review of the Youth Leadership Forum, and the legislative process was tabled until James DeBoer was able to attend. The legislative projects will be started again this month along with getting the Disability History Week started.

13. Old Business/New Business/Incoming Mail: Camille Pansa called

the Volunteer Center of R.I. concerning a workshop incorporating people with disabilities and they stated they already do this.

Respectfully by,

Rick Costa

Secretary